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SUBJECT: MALTA'S PRIME MINISTER SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA

REF: STATE 118192

¶1. On Thursday, November 6, U.S. Embassy Valletta, Malta received a copy of a congratulatory message from the Honorable Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of Malta, addressed to President-elect Barack Obama.

Begin Text:

5 November 2008

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the People of Malta, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes on your historic electoral victory.

I am confident that under your leadership, the traditionally excellent relations between our two countries will be further strengthened and that the warm ties of friendship will be further enhanced to the mutual benefit of our two peoples and for the furtherance of our common values and aspirations.

Lawrence Gonzi

END TEXT

¶2. Post will forward the copy of the message via diplomatic pouch to S/ES-CR.

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